

Minutes
Spring FAES Faculty Council Meeting
April 16, 2004
12:30-3:30 PM
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Members present were: Steve Prochaska (Chair), Peter Thomison (Vice Chair), Ronald Hammond (Secretary), Daral Jackwood (Past Chair), Joe Boggs, Dave Coplin, Mike Davis (for Dave Zartman), Gonul Kaletunc, Dave Kelch, Larry Libby, Rose Fisher Merkowitz, Chris Penrose, T. Davis Sydnor, Gwen Wolford, Howard Zhang, Bob Moser (Vice-President CFAES)

Steve Prochaska called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. All introduced themselves. Prochaska stated that the previous meeting's minutes were approved and on the web and commented on agenda changes in terms of the order of items.

Dr. Moser provided an administrative update. He began by discussing the current budget situation. He made special note that we have NOT lost the support of the state legislators. He said that because of the budget problems, the college would probably have to down size. Dr. Moser brought up various issues related to the budget problems. He discussed a new group called the "Guiding Coalition" which will review and comment on plans for the future of the college. Major aspects will include developing new ways to bring in funds and determining how to fit into the University's academic plans and priorities.

Dr. Moser mentioned that we have a new interim director at ATI, Steve Nameth, from the Department of Plant Pathology. ATI will conduct an open search for a permanent director. He then mentioned student enrollment status at the College, and that although application submissions are down student acceptance is up. Dr. Moser then received questions and comments from faculty in regard to possible college changes.

Steve Prochaska introduced Davis Sydnor who is a new member of council representing the School of Natural Resources.

Gwen Wolford gave a report of University Senate activities on Extension representation to the Senate. The Council's proposal on Extension field faculty representation on the University Senate is moving through the appropriate committees in the Senate. A full Senate vote on the issue is expected by end of the quarter.

Daral Jackwood discussed the new committee known as the "Guiding Coalition". The group will provide review and suggestion in the development of the new college six year plan. Jackwood reviewed the representation to the group. Ag Faculty Council representatives to the committee are Daral Jackwood, Joe Boggs, and Larry Libby.

A Visiting Expert Proposal (VEP) for a visit by Dr. Douglas Burrin was brought to Council. Chris Penrose chaired the subcommittee reviewing the VEP. The subcommittee recommended approving the VEP. It was noted by Prochaska that the honorarium was \$600 while in our

request for VEP's, the honorarium is limited to \$500. A question was also raised about the cost of airline travel. Daral Jackwood made a motion that we approve the proposal with a \$500 honorarium. Motion was seconded by Joe Boggs. Motion passed.

The nominating committee for a new slate of officers for Council recommended as Vice-Chair, Gwen Wolford, and for Secretary, Chris Penrose. Daral Jackwood made a motion, Rose Fisher Merkwitz seconded. Steve Prochaska asked for further nominations, of which there were none. Motion passed. These positions will take affect July 1. The new chair of the Council will be Peter Thomison. Daral Jackwood also discussed the need to develop a list of potential members to certain standing committees within the College. He sent emails to the appropriate Council members from those departments are eligible to have new members on the College P&T committee for names. There are other standing committees (Investigating Committee and Grievance Committee) that will need to be filled if necessary; Daral Jackwood will contact L.H. Newcomb to see if new members are needed.

Peter Thomison discussed the need for names of replacement members on the Council for those members going off. Names are needed by May 1 and should be sent to Prochaska and Thomison.

Steve Prochaska then brought up the proposal by Extension administration to eliminate Districts while perhaps moving to a new entity – Extension Learning Centers. These changes may generate a need for Ag Faculty Council to review and amend its by-laws in regards to Extension Field Faculty representation. It was decided to wait until final changes are approved before initiating a discussion within the Council on Extension representation.

The fall meeting of the Council will be on October 8 according to our by-laws. Peter Thomison discussed the College Fall Faculty meeting, which will be Sept 10, 2004 in Columbus.

Steve Prochaska thanked all the members of the Council for their work this past year. Jackwood thanked Prochaska for his good work. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
Ronald B. Hammond, Secretary